

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We are now at Item 6 on the agenda, the introduction of new bills.

CLERK: Madam President, new bills. (Read LB 307-311 by title for the first time. See pages 235-36 of the Legislative Journal ) That's all that I have at this time, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Chair recognizes Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President. I would move to adopt the permanent rules and proceed to discuss the recommended changes that the Rules Committee has come up with.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you. The motion is the adoption of permanent rules. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President. Members of the body, you will find on your desks and in the Journal the rules changes that the Rules Committee has recommended, after holding a hearing in Executive Session, that contemplated all the proposed rules changes that have come in over the last year. They commence on page 218 in the Journal, but it's probably easier to follow along using the handout that you will find on your desk that has the rule changes, one per page, and has them numbered, as well, to make it easier to refer to. And I've kind of arranged the rule changes in order, from...starting with probably the least controversial, housekeeping type of changes, and moving on up to the more substantive changes. So, at this point, if you'd look at proposed rule change number one, on the first page of your handout, would simply omit from the rules a reference to a motion to return a bill to General File. And this is a motion that, during all the years that I have been exposed to the Legislature, has never been used. I think it harkens back to the day when virtually all debate took place on General File. For those of you that have been in the body, you know quite well that we not only debate on Select File as well now, but also on Final Reading. And just the motion to return to General File is simply something that has not been used in recent years, and is probably not something that we need to have in the rules anymore. So, with that, I would ask you to approve this rules change. In addition, I might mention just the procedure that we'll be going through this morning. The rules changes that have been proposed by the Rules Committee or by